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ECE-FAO Integrated Programme of work on Forestry and Timber for 2014–2017

1. The joint session of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) and the FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC) (Rovaniemi, Finland, 9-13 December 2013) discussed the joint work of ECE and FAO on forestry for 2014-2017.

2. The Committee adopted the following:

a. The Integrated ECE-FAO Programme of Work, containing the substantive programme to be undertaken by the COFFI and the EFC, their subsidiary bodies and the Secretariat in the ECE region (i.e. the Joint ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section located in Geneva) (Annex IV of ECE/TIM/2013/2-FO:EFC/2013/2 and herewith attached as Annex I);

b. The revised Terms of Reference of the Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management as well as those of all Teams of Specialists as contained in Annex V of the meeting report ECE/TIM/2013/2-FO:EFC/2013/2 (as herewith contained in Annex II). All existing Teams of Specialists (ToS) were agreed for continuation, with the following exceptions:

i. The mandate of the ToS on Forest Fires was extended until 1 July 2014, after which it will be discontinued;

ii. Two new Teams of Specialists were established, namely the ToS on Forest Products Statistics and the ToS on Wood Energy, to better respond to the needs of the Integrated Programme of Work 2014-2017;

iii. The geographical scope of the ToS on Forest Policy was enlarged to cover the entire ECE region (previously limited to the countries of Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus).

c. The programme of work for the ECE Forestry and Timber subprogramme for 2014-2015 (ECE/TIM/2013/10-FO:EFC/2013/10) containing outputs which need to be reflected in the ECE programme budget for 2014-2015 (as herewith contained in Annex III).

3. The Executive Committee hereby approves the following as adopted by the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry:

a. The Integrated ECE-FAO Programme of Work 2014-2017;

b. The revised Terms of Reference of the Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management;

c. The renewal of the mandate of the existing Teams of Specialists under the Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management, namely:

i. ToS on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management;

ii. ToS on Sustainable Forest Products;

iii. ToS on the Forest Sector Outlook;

iv. ToS on Forest Policy;

v. ToS on Forest Fires (until June 2014);

vi. ToS on Forest Communication - Forest Communicators Network;

vii. ToS on Green Jobs - Joint ILO/ECE/FAO Expert Network.

d. The establishment of two new Teams of Specialists under the Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management, namely:

i. ToS on Forest Products Statistics;

ii. ToS on Wood Energy.

e. The programme of work for the ECE Forestry and Timber subprogramme 2014-2015.

Annex I

Integrated Programme of Work 2014-2017 for the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission

This document contains the Integrated Programme of Work 2014-2017 of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) and the FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC), as adopted by the joint session of the Committee and the Commission, "Metsä 2013", held from 9 to 13 December 2013 in Rovaniemi, Finland.

I. Integrated Programme of Work

A. Scope

1. The Integrated Programme of Work covers all fifty-six member States of the ECE region, in line with the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry membership. Thirty-nine member States, which are all ECE members States, as well as the European Union, are members of the FAO European Forestry Commission[1]. The Programme encompasses sustainable forest management as well as the sound and legal use of forest products, for raw material and energy, and forest services, based on appropriate policies and institutions.[2]

2. The Programme continues to cover many traditional topics related to forest products and services (as contained in the previous Programme of Work ECE/TIM/2008/7 – FO: EFC/08/7). It also introduces new elements to address emerging issues related to sustainable forest management. These new elements include:

- Linkages between sustainable forest management and a green economy, including: the contribution of forest products and services to a green economy; decent green jobs and employment in the forest sector;
- Innovation in the forest sector, including new forest products and the use of wood in construction;
- Enhanced emphasis on wood energy and payment for ecosystem services;
- Interactions between forest policies and other sectors, such as the effect of wood energy policies on land use and the effect of urbanization on forest extent and character;
- Adaptation to climate change;

[1] Albania, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan and the European Union.

[2] The scope is unchanged from the period 2008-2013. For ease of reference, please see the Mandate of the FAO European Forestry Commission, the Terms of Reference of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry, the ECE/FAO Joint Working Party and the ECE/FAO Teams of Specialists (Annex V, ECE/TIM/2013/2–FO:EFC/2013/2).

- Forest health and disturbance-related issues;
- Mainstreaming of biodiversity and environmental issues into the different areas of work.

3. The Programme makes reference to the Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy, which was also adopted by the Committee and the Commission at "Metsä 2013" (see Annex III of document ECE/TIM/2013/2–FO:EFC/2013/2). Actions contained in that Plan and attributed to the joint ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section are indicated with an asterisk and reflected in the annual list of activities as part of the Integrated Programme of Work.

B. Overall goal

4. The overall goal of the Integrated Programme of Work 2014-2017 for the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the European Forestry Commission, their related bodies and the Teams of Specialists is to, "*Support member countries and relevant stakeholders in their efforts to sustainably manage and use ECE-region forests so that they provide products and ecosystem services to benefit society*".

C. Objective of the Integrated Programme of Work

5. The Integrated Programme of Work aims to assist member countries to achieve the overall goal by: providing the best available information; facilitating policy dialogues and communication; and building capacity.

D. Structure and work areas

6. The Integrated Programme of Work is structured around four main functions, or work areas (WA), as follows:

WA 1: Data, monitoring and assessment

WA 2: Policy dialogue and advice

WA 3: Communication and outreach

WA 4: Capacity-building

7. Specific activities and outputs proposed for the four work areas are outlined below.

WA 1: Data, monitoring and assessment

8. The data collection and reporting system of the joint ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section consists of the following:

- Collection, validation and dissemination of statistics on forest resources, products, functions and services, sustainable forest management, forest policies, institutions and instruments, and the contribution of the forest sector to a green economy;
- Analysis and assessment of the state of forests, sustainability of forest management and forest products markets; and monitoring the role of the forest sector in a green economy;
- Cooperation and support to international processes in sustainable forest management, including the development and use of regional Criteria and Indicators and the preparation of the report on the State of Europe's Forests.

9. The joint ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section monitors and analyses developments in different forest-related areas and also has extensive cooperation with other organizations in this area. This includes the gathering of comprehensive statistics and data

(quantitative and qualitative), and developing methodologies for data collection, analysis and assessments on:

- Forest product markets and services in the region;
- All aspects of forests and forest resources, their functions and services, and sustainable forest management;
- Long-term supply of and demand for wood and other forest goods and services;
- Use of wood energy and its implications for sustainable forest management.

10. Outputs from this work area include: the Forest Products Annual Market Reviews; the State of Europe's Forests in cooperation with Forest Europe; the regional input to the FAO Global Forest Resource Assessment; Joint Wood Energy Enquiries; associated databases; studies on forest ownership, occupation and employment, the contribution of the forest sector to a green economy; and ad hoc sectorial studies on topics such as the profitability and competitiveness of the forest sector and other emerging issues.

11. Data are collected in partnership with countries, international organizations and the scientific community, based on agreed standards and rules. Activities under WA1 are also expected to improve the quality of information, ensuring international compatibility, storage, dissemination and analysis of the information, and helping countries to strengthen their capacity in this area (see WA 4 on capacity-building).

12. This programme area also addresses monitoring and assessment components of priority activities identified in the Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy and attributed to joint ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section for the period 2014-2017.

WA 2: Policy dialogue and advice

13. This includes contributions of the joint ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section to the global (mainly United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) and FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO)), regional (in particular CIS Intergovernmental Council on Forestry and Forest Industry, Eurasian Economic Commission, European Commission, European Forest Institute, Forest Europe) and national forest dialogues and cross-sectoral cooperation.

14. This component also involves the organization of policy dialogues and specific studies in the ECE region, and at the national level on request from member countries. Subjects to be covered will, depending on availability of funds, include:

- Forest policies, institutions and instruments;
- Regional and national coordination of forest and forest-related policies;
- Governance and policy making;
- Green economy and green jobs;
- Interaction with stakeholders and the private sector;
- Financing for, and investment in, the profitability and competitiveness of the forest sector;
- Structural developments in the forest sector and their policy impact and implications;
- Wood energy and its implications for renewable energy policies and land use;
- Role of biodiversity and wildlife in sustainable forest management;
- Adaptation of forests and the forest sector to climate change.

15. This programme area also addresses policy-related components of priority activities identified in the Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy and attributed to the joint ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section for the period 2014-2017.

16. Outputs include guidelines and recommendations in accordance with the Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy, national forest policy dialogues and other policy dialogues and workshops for the ECE region. An important component will also be the next round of Forest Sector Outlook Studies and the policy-related parts of relevant ECE and FAO studies such as reports on the status and trends in forests and sustainable forest management, and relevant reviews.

WA 3: Communication and outreach

17. This is an essential part of the Integrated Programme of Work. Improving the ability of the forest and forest products sector to communicate effectively, within and outside the sector, is essential to promote sustainable forest management. Enhancing the efforts of the Committee and the Commission to reach out to relevant constituencies and to increase the dissemination of the information and tools produced, at the national, regional and global levels will make an important contribution to this end. This will be achieved through:

- Providing a platform for international interaction and cooperation in forest related communication;
- Events and campaigns in support of sustainable forest management and forest products and services (e.g. the International Day of Forests, the European Forest Week, the Forest Information Week);
- Dissemination of information produced under the Integrated Programme of Work via policy briefs, press briefs and ad hoc studies, whenever results are available and new information released;
- Improved website maintenance and design including the use of social media/networks and videos;
- Contribution to the organization of relevant events in member countries and dissemination of their announcements (e.g. National Forest Policy Dialogues, capacity building workshops, special public relations events) in cooperation with all stakeholders;
- Outreach activities beyond the forest sector for disseminating information that highlights the relevance of forests and forest products and services to other sectors (e.g. energy events, biodiversity and environment meetings, sustainable construction and building).

18. This programme area also addresses communications and outreach components of priority activities identified in the Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy and attributed to the joint ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section for the period 2014-2017.

WA 4: Capacity-building

19. While all countries benefit from international cooperation through the Integrated Programme of Work, special attention is paid to countries in Eastern Europe, Southeast Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. This work focus on capacity-building to encourage sustainable forest management, data collection, monitoring and analysis as well as promoting the engagement of national experts from the region in international activities, covering the following:

- Forest policies development, governance and institutions;

- National systems for forest monitoring and statistical reporting;
- Forest products markets and forest resources;
- Forest related communication;
- Wood energy, including the collection of wood energy data;
- The contribution of the forest sector to a green economy.

20. This work area relies mainly on extrabudgetary support. This area also addresses capacity-building components of priority activities identified in the Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy and attributed to the joint ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section for the period 2014-2017.

21. This work area also benefits from the implementation of the United Nations Development Account (UNDA) project on "Sustainable Forest Management for Greener Economies in the Caucasus and Central Asia (2013-2015)". Additional sources of funding for capacity building will be sought with the European Union, and development banks and national development agencies.

E. Principles guiding implementation

22. Implementation should be guided by the following principles:

- ***Partnership***: There will be a strong focus on working in partnerships with international and regional actors, as the most effective way of minimizing overlap and optimizing benefits. The Committee and the Commission will seek and welcome cooperation for any of the relevant outputs under the four work areas.
- ***Outreach to other constituencies***: The Committee and the Commission will look beyond the traditional forest constituency to make sure the relevance of the forest sector and its contribution to other sectors is well recognized and understood and will coordinate relevant actions with, for example, the environment, biodiversity, energy, water, construction and building sectors.
- ***Expert advice***: The work of the Teams of Specialists will be fully aligned with the Integrated Programme of Work and its objectives, and will support the related areas of work.
- ***Involvement of the private sector***. The Integrated Programme of Work recognizes the private sector as a key actor for developing sustainable forest management, sustainable forest products and services and the transition towards a green economy. The participation of the private sector in the work of the Committee and the Commission will be actively sought.

F. Support to the Integrated Programme of Work and related resources

23. As per current practice, specific activities in support of the implementation of the Integrated Programme of Work will be agreed on annually. The list will be based on proposals by member States, the joint Bureaux[3] and the joint secretariat and reflect the activities set out in the current multi-year Programme of Work. Implementation will depend on regular programme funding levels and to a large extent on extrabudgetary resources made available. The member States and other donors are encouraged to support such activities in kind and/or with the necessary level of financial resources. The annual list of

[3] Joint meetings of the COFFI Bureau and the EFC Executive Committee.

activities will show clearly the areas of work (e.g. capacity-building) or activities where extrabudgetary funding will be needed.

24. A broader participation and more strategic engagement by member States and stakeholders should be sought. In particular, resources should be identified to finance the participation of delegates from countries with economies in transition.

G. Governance

25. Formal governance is undertaken by the two parent bodies, the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission, which have the ultimate responsibility for the implementation of the Integrated Programme of Work. The Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry meets annually, while the European Forestry Commission meets every second year. The two bodies are encouraged to continue holding joint meetings in line with established practice and with the aim to further strengthen cooperation and exploit synergies. During joint meetings, matters of relevance to COFFI or EFC only are dealt separately and under specific agenda items during these meetings. The Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management meets annually.

26. The AFWC/EFC/NEFRC[4] Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions (*Silva Mediterranea*), a forestry statutory body of FAO, is invited to coordinate its activities with this Integrated Programme of Work.

27. The EFC Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds reports on its work to, and seeks guidance from, the EFC. The Commission shall ensure that the Working Party coordinates its activities with this Integrated Programme of Work, where appropriate.

28. The Bureau of the COFFI and the Executive Committee of the EFC are entrusted with overseeing the implementation of the Integrated Programme of Work and with providing guidance as needed. They have the authority to take decisions to support the implementation of the Programme of Work between sessions of the parent bodies. They should meet at least twice annually.

H. Expert support

29. Teams of Specialists (ToS), composed of experts in particular fields, contribute advice or undertake activities that support the implementation of the Integrated Programme of Work. Teams may also provide guidance to the joint secretariat on their work areas, and help with outreach activities to country-level experts, as well as have team-specific outputs in support of the Integrated Programme of Work. Teams of Specialists are mandated by the Committee and Commission, which approve their terms of reference. They report annually to the Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management. This reporting set up is to be assessed after the next two sessions of the Working Party.

30. Guidelines for the Teams of Specialists clarifying the Teams' mandates and procedures, and the role and responsibilities of Team Leaders, and Deputy Leaders, Team Members and secretariat can be found in Annex V of document ECE/TIM/2013/2–FO:EFC/2013/2.

[4] AFWC: African Forestry and Wildlife Commission; EFC: European Forestry Commission; NEFRC: Near East Forestry and Range Commission.

II. Recommendations in support of the implementation of the Integrated Programme of Work

31. The following recommendations for the implementation of the Integrated Programme of Work were adopted by the Committee and the Commission at "Metsä2013":

Institutional structure

32. Foster stronger cooperation between the European Forestry Commission and the North American Forestry Commission (NAFC).

33. Bring the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the European Forestry Commission as close together as possible and organize joint meetings according to established practice. Joint meetings should have the same name for each session – "forest" in the language of the country hosting the meeting and then the year of the meeting.

34. Continue and maintain the tradition of joint meetings, the Integrated Programme of Work, the joint secretariat, joint Bureaux, joint publications and a joint profile.

35. Encourage countries to strengthen coordination between the Committee and Commission delegates at the national level, by e.g. appointing the same Head of Delegation for both.

36. Engage Committee and Commission members in linking the joint ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section's work to work at the national level in order to ensure feedback on the Integrated Programme of Work.

37. Strengthen the collaboration with the Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds and *Silva Mediterranea*.

38. Establish the following Teams of Specialists for the period 2014-2017:

Name of the Team	*Contribution to the Programme of Work*
ToS on Sustainable Forest Products	WA1: to focus on forest products and markets, market statements and support to the Committee
ToS on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)	WA1: to focus on SFM monitoring for different ECE and FAO studies and reviews, SFM assessment and work on criteria and indicators
ToS on Forest Policy	WA2 and WA4: to focus on the development of forest policies in the region and provide capacity building
ToS on the Forest Sector Outlook	WA1 and WA2: to support the development of Outlook Studies
ToS on Forest Communication - Forest Communicators Network	WA3: to provide advice to the joint ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section in support of relevant events, campaigns and public relations efforts, support the dissemination of results of other ToS
ToS on Green Jobs - Joint ILO/ECE/FAO Expert Network	WA4: the previous joint ToS to be refocused on green jobs and capacity-building activities in support of SFM
ToS on Wood Energy	WA1 and WA2: to support the development of data and relevant policy advice on wood energy in the region

Name of the Team	*Contribution to the Programme of Work*
ToS on Forest Products Statistics	WA 1 and WA4: to support the work on statistics in the Working Party, in order for the Working Party to focus on its coordinating function for Teams of Specialists and work area review
ToS on Forest Fires	WA2: to support international cooperation in fire management. The Team will complete its mandate by July 2014

39. The Terms of Reference of and the Guidelines for the Teams of Specialists are contained in Annex V of document ECE/TIM/2013/2–FO:EFC/2013/2. The Guidelines are in line with, and complementary to, the guidelines for the establishment and functioning of Teams of Specialists within ECE (ECE/EX/2/Rev.1).

Data management

40. Data on forest and forest management are collected through regular and ad hoc processes. They are often collected, stored and disseminated separately, through different means and formats. Taking into account relatively long data collection cycles, this situation hampers seriously continuity, inter-connectivity, planning for data collection and its management. This also limits the availability and usability of information collected.

41. It is recommended that the organization and structure of data on forests, their management, their functions and services be analyzed. While avoiding any duplication with existing similar repositories, the results of this analysis would provide the basis for the establishment of an electronic repository, enhancing the efficiency of data collection, management and dissemination.

Private sector

42. The involvement of the private sector, given its relevance to the work undertaken by the Committee and the Commission, should be increased, including through considering the establishment of a regional working group under the FAO Advisory Committee on Sustainable Forest-based Industry, which could provide advice to the joint Bureaux and other meetings.

Funding

43. The final list of activities prepared every year should contain a related budget (costing of activities) to help member States recognize funding needs and understand the feasibility of activities. The first of such lists should be prepared for the year 2014 and submitted to Metsä2013 for consideration (and should include both human and financial resource needs).

Outreach

44. More attention should be paid to communication activities that shall be implemented with due regard to keeping a balance between official languages of COFFI and EFC in order to increase the impact and visibility of work. This might include a high level segment in key meetings, which would bring together ministers and chief executive officers of private companies, and heads of other organizations.

45. The Integrated Programme of Work should also allow addressing new and emerging issues of high political value and interest or influence to forestry and forest industry.

Partnerships

46. Partnerships should be established with other sectors, including through the cooperation with other ECE Committees. This should serve to demonstrate the value of forests and forest products for other sectors (energy, environment, housing, employment, climate change, etc.).

47. Good examples of cross-sectoral cooperation should be highlighted and showcased whenever possible.

Name of the Section

48. Following the change of name to Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry, ECE and FAO are invited to consider adjusting the name of the joint secretariat accordingly. Such an invitation does not imply any intention by member States to change the current duties of the joint Section.

Outlook

49. The next round of outlook studies in North America, Europe and the Russian Federation should be based on common methodologies and approaches, and developed in cooperation with relevant partners. Member States and other relevant parties are encouraged to support the outlook work by designating national correspondents to the Team of Specialists, sharing data and modelling results of national outlook studies.

Annex II

Terms of Reference of the ECE/FAO Joint Working Party and the ECE/FAO Teams of Specialists

This annex contains the Terms of Reference required for supporting the ECE/FAO Integrated Programme of Work.

I. Terms of Reference of the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management

1. The Working Party is a subsidiary body of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) and the FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC) and contributes to the implementation of the integrated programme of work of those two bodies. It does so by coordinating the Teams of Specialists and the activities of the Integrated Programme of Work as well as providing technical advice. It takes instructions from the Committee and the Commission and meets annually to:

(a) Provide guidance on the implementation of all areas of the programme of work;

(b) Supervise the work of Teams of Specialists and facilitate the exchange of information on their work;

(c) Identify priorities for action and relevant emerging issues; and transmit suggested priorities and specific recommendations to the Committee and the Commission for consideration.

2. The Working Party shall, for each work area, on the basis of a report from the secretariat, review and comment on the activities undertaken during the past year and the plans for the forthcoming year.

3. The Working Party shall review, on an ongoing basis, the work of the Teams of Specialists and their contribution to the work areas as well as work between the Teams of Specialists to ensure the most effective and efficient implementation of their activities. It will:

(a) Receive and discuss the reports from the Teams of Specialists in order to enhance the understanding of their activities and assess their work plans; when needed, the Working Party may review and recommend updated mandates for endorsement by the parent bodies;

(b) Identify possible synergies; and facilitate the exchange of experiences between Teams of Specialists and delegations from member States;

(c) Increase the visibility and impact of the work of Teams of Specialists among Member States and within the relevant bodies in the United Nations;

4. The Working Party, as part of its work for the Committee and Commission, shall:

(a) Propose priorities for activities in the work areas and on relevant emerging issues;

(b) Develop, upon request from the parent bodies, methodologies for use in economic analysis of the sector, as well as techniques for collecting, validating, analyzing and disseminating information and statistics;

(c) Undertake, upon request from the parent bodies, ad hoc projects in economics and statistics related to forestry, forest products and forest policies and institutions;

(d) Contribute and provide technical advice to the Committee and the Commission on issues under consideration by those bodies, including the preparation of studies on the status and future of forests and on the forest industry such as the Outlooks and the Forest Products Annual Market Reviews;

(e) Reach out to other sectors to discuss issues related to forest information and management matters of common interest, including best practices in sustainable forestry management and their impact on the overall sustainability of forests, natural resources management, and other issues such as biodiversity and climate change;

(f) Work together with other international bodies, including Forest Europe, Eurostat, the International Tropical Timber Organization and the Conference of European Statisticians, with a view to coordinating activities and avoiding any duplication of effort.

5. The work of this working party will be assessed after the next two sessions of this body.

II. Terms of Reference of the ECE/FAO Teams of Specialists

In order to support the implementation of the ECE/FAO Integrated Programme of Work, the following Teams of Specialists (ToS) are established:

(a) ToS on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management;

(b) ToS on Sustainable Forest Products;

(c) ToS on Forest Products Statistics;

(d) ToS on Wood Energy;

(e) ToS on the Forest Sector Outlook;

(f) ToS on Forest Policy;

(g) ToS on Forest Fires (until June 2014);

(h) ToS on Forest Communication - Forest Communicators Network;

(i) ToS on Green Jobs - Joint ILO/ECE/FAO Expert Network.

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management

Reference to Integrated Work Programme:
Work Area 1, "Data, monitoring and assessment"

A. Objectives

1. Strengthen the work on: (i) forest reporting, (ii) assessing the state of forests and sustainability of forest management and (iii) monitoring the role of the forest sector in the green economy in the ECE region;

2. Advise the joint ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section on the implementation of activities in Work Area 1 "Data, monitoring and assessment", with regard to the collection, review, analysis and dissemination of quantitative information on forests and sustainable forest management (SFM) in the ECE region.

B. Activities

1. Provide contributions to the global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) and the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire 2015: support the data collection process, analysis of the situation and trends, and drafting of the final report;

2. Assist in the process for the preparation of the report: State of Europe's Forests 2015: contribute to the reporting on quantitative indicators, analysis of information, coordination of inputs, authors' contributions and dissemination of results;

3. Contribute to the pilot project on assessing the sustainability of forest management;

4. Contribute to the work on criteria and indicators (C&I) for SFM by Forest Europe and the Montréal Process;

5. Contribute to the preparation of a report on forest ownership in the ECE region: development of concept, contribution to data collection, analysis of information and dissemination of results;

6. Contribute to the preparation of a report on the role of the forest sector in a green economy: development of concept, contribution to data collection, analysis of information and dissemination of results;

7. Contribute to the development of the concept and modalities for a statistical data management system on forest resources, functions and services and SFM;

8. Support other work areas and ToS on issues relevant to data, monitoring and assessment, including related capacity building;

9. Support international work and cooperation on monitoring of forest resources and sustainable forest management (SFM), including the European Union and other organizations in this area;

10. Support communication and dissemination, including by contributing to the forest information billboard.

C. Expected major outputs

1. Review of, and input to documents, reports, and meetings related to global reporting framework – in cooperation with the FAO FRA Team;

2. Review of, and input to documents, reports, and meetings; involvement in the organisation of the workshop for authors and National Correspondents in the ECE region;

review of and, whenever possible, involvement in writing, the final report on state of Europe's forests; involvement in dissemination of results;

3. Consultation and advice on the pilot project on assessing the sustainability of forest management;

4. Consultation and advice on issues relevant to the C&I processes in the ECE region – if requested;

5. Consultation and advice on the underlying analytical concepts, and survey as well as the review of the draft report on forest ownership in the ECE region;

6. Consultation and advice on the underlying analytical concepts, and the survey as well as the review of the draft report on the role of the forest sector in a green economy – in cooperation with other ToS;

7. Consultation and advice on designing an improved statistical data management system on forest resources, their functions and services, and forest management;

8. Consultation and advice on the data-related work within Work Areas 1, 2, 3 and 4 – if requested;

9. Advice on communication activities, dissemination of information in countries/organisations and participation (sharing of information) through the forest information billboard.

D. Background

Established/Approved by:	The Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission, Rovaniemi, Finland, 2013
Duration:	From January 2014 to December 2015. Renewable.
Methods of work:	Regular ToS meetings (including steering group and thematic sub-groups meetings);
	Workshops with participation of the ToS members and the FRA national correspondents;
	Direct and indirect (electronic) reviews and consultations;
	Review and, if feasible, preparation of background materials, discussion papers, enquiries;
	Other forms of work can be determined by the ToS, if needed.
Reporting:	Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.
Team leader:	To be elected at first team meeting.

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Products

Reference to Integrated Work Programme:
Work Area 1, "Data, monitoring and assessment"

A. Objectives

1. To advise and support work on the sustainable development of forest products markets and related policies in the ECE region through a network that provides expertise and advice, including on priorities.

2. To carry the message that sustainable forest products can play an important role in greening economies and in providing sustainable products and livelihoods.

B. Activities

1. Provide guidance and referral to the best available experts and/or sources of information for the organization of:

- Market Discussions during the meeting of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry;
- Workshop(s) on all topics related to forest products including the role of forest products in a green economy, the use of wood for "green buildings", innovative wood products and other topics, in line with the work programme.

2. Provide expertise and outreach to experts for drafting market-related publications and products, including the technical reviews contained in and the production of the Forest Products Annual Market Review.

3. Propose and assist in conducting capacity building workshops in order to further the development of sustainable forest product manufacturing and use.

4. Guide the secretariat in the organization of meetings related to the sustainable use of forest products.

5. Advise the secretariat on strategies to carry out the Programme of Work in the forest products marketing work area.

C. Expected major outputs

1. Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry market discussions (one each in 2014 and 2015) which cover forest product market topics that are current and relevant to the region.

2. Yearly meeting to discuss a list of recommendations on how to improve the content, structure and focus of the forest products marketing work area in general and the Forest Products Annual Market Review in particular. (typically during the team meeting that is held at the time of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry meeting).

3. Two capacity-building workshops for countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (one each in 2014 and 2015).

D. Background

Established/Approved by: The ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission, Rovaniemi, Finland, 2013

Duration:	From January 2014 to December 2015. Renewable.
Methods of work:	Annual meeting. Other methods to be determined by the Team.
Reporting:	Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.
Team leader[5]:	Leader: Eoin O'Driscoll (Ireland). Deputy Leaders: Jeremy Wall (European Commission), Branko Glavonjic (Serbia)
Communication:	The Team Leader and secretary should ensure close communication and collaboration with the Teams of Specialists on Forest Products Statistics and Wood Energy.

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Products Statistics

Reference to Integrated Work Programme:
Work Area 1, "Data, monitoring and assessment"

A. Objectives

1. Advise and support work on forest products statistics, including data coverage and collection, validation and classifications used in the ECE region;

2. Suggest and support proposals for increasing the reliability and visibility of forest products statistics;

3. Advise on implementation of activities in Work Area 1 relating to forest products statistics.

B. Activities

1. Review materials such as questionnaires and procedures circulated by the secretariat and Team members;

2. Contact national data users for input;

3. Raise issues of concern related to forest products statistics;

4. Disseminate information on forest products statistics further through the ToS network.

5. Coordinate issues with other members of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics.

C. Expected major outputs

1. Recommendations for revisions to the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire and Timber Forecast Questionnaire;

[5] Eoin O'Driscoll, Team Leader, and Jeremy Wall and Branko Glavonjic, Deputy Team Leaders were recently elected at the last meeting of the Team in October 2012.

2. Proposed improvements for national and international practices in data validation and, if required, a working paper describing best practices;

3. A recommended procedure for estimating wood balance, including the desirable level of detail to include and conversion factors to use.

D. Background

Established/Approved by:	The ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and FAO European Forestry Commission, Rovaniemi, Finland, 2013
Duration:	From January 2014 to December 2015. Renewable.
Methods of work:	Annual meeting. Further methods to be determined by the Team.
Reporting:	Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.
Team leader:	To be elected at first Team meeting.
Communication:	The Team Leader and secretariat should ensure close cooperation with the Teams of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Products and the Team of Specialists on Wood Energy.

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Wood Energy

Reference to Integrated Work Programme:
Work Area 1, "Data, monitoring and assessment" and Work Area 2, "Policy dialogue and advice"

A. Objectives

1. Advise and support the joint ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section activities in Work Areas 1 and 2 on the methodology for, the implementation of and the follow-up on the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry and specific studies related to wood energy;

2. Contribute to a better understanding of wood energy statistics as a basis for sound policy making.

B. Activities

1. Monitor and analyse the policy aspects of the use of wood for energy generation and the implications for the forest sector;

2. Provide guidance on the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry (JWEE) data collection and analysis process including on indicators, the structure of the JWEE questionnaire, and the review of wood energy parameters (such as heating values and conversion factors);

3. Build the capacity of ECE member States to develop reliable statistics on wood energy sources and uses;

4. Disseminate information on wood energy and liaise with relevant ToS and other organizations concerned with wood energy statistics.

C. Expected major outputs

1. List of recommendations on the methods for, analysis and conduct of the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry;

2. Suggestions on the focus of work on wood energy-related publications and products;

3. Improved quality and quantity of replies to the JWEE.

D. Background

Established/Approved by:	The ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission, Rovaniemi, Finland, 2013
Duration:	From January 2014 to December 2015. Renewable.
Methods of work:	Annual meeting. Other methods to be determined by the Team.
Reporting:	Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.
Team leader:	To be elected at first Team meeting.
Communication:	The Team Leader and secretariat should ensure close cooperation with the Team of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Products and the Team of Specialists on Forest Products Statistics.

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook

Reference to Integrated Work Programme:
Work Area 1, "Data, monitoring and assessment" and Work Area 2, "Policy dialogue and advice"

A. Objectives

1. Advise and support the joint ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section on the methodology, implementation and follow-up of outlook studies.

B. Activities

1. Review lessons learned from the EFSOS (European Forest Sector Outlook Study), NAFSOS (North American Forest Sector Outlook Study) and RFFSOS (Russian Federation Forest Sector Outlook Study) processes and explore the feasibility and scope of forthcoming joint studies.

2. Improve the methodology for outlook studies in collaboration/harmonisation with other stakeholders e.g. COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) Actions.

3. Improve involvement of national experts throughout the process, from scenario elaboration to analysis of projections.

4. Disseminate information on the forest sector outlook studies.

C. Expected major outputs

1. Guidance on methods, analysis and conduct of forest sector outlook studies.

2. Identification of scenarios based on: structural developments in the forest sector; long-term supply and demand of wood and other goods and services; as well as policy impacts and implications.

3. Timeline for new outlook studies and identification of contributors and donors.

4. Research in support of forest sector outlook studies and other relevant support to policy making.

D. Background

Established/Approved by:	The ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and FAO European Forestry Commission, Rovaniemi, Finland, 2013
Duration:	From January 2014 to December 2015. Renewable.
Methods of work:	Annual meeting. Other methods to be determined by the Team.
Reporting:	Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.
Team leader:	To be elected at first team meeting.

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Policy

Reference to Integrated Work Programme:
Work Area 2, "Policy dialogue and advice" and Work Area 4, "Capacity-building"

A. Objectives

1. To contribute to the development of tools and capacity-building to support sound policy making for the Forest Sector in the ECE Region in particular in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.

2. To advise the secretariat on implementation of Work Areas 2 and 4 of the Integrated Programme of Work.

B. Activities

1. Advise and support the secretariat on:

   a. The collection, review, analysis and dissemination of qualitative information on forest policies, institutions and instruments in the ECE region;

   b. The organization of policy dialogues at the regional and national level (including National Forest Policy Dialogues).

2. Contribute to:

   a. The development of policy tools such as guidelines and recommendations and strengthen policy-related components of ECE and FAO studies (State of Europe's Forests, Forest Products Annual Market Review Outlook studies, etc.);

b. Capacity-building activities (work area 4) that are related to forest policy development, institutions and green economy measures. While all countries of the ECE region should benefit from capacity-building activities, special attention will be paid to the needs of the countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.

3. Provide advice and support to the follow-up on the Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy.

4. Development of guidance for policy makers to foster sustainable wildlife management in the framework of sustainable forest management, also in view of avoiding conflict over different types of land use and/or damage caused by wildlife.

C. Expected major outputs

1. Contribution to a framework for collecting and analysing information on forest policies, institutions and instruments (to be developed in close cooperation with the ToS on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management) with a view to:

a. Producing a publication (an overview and analysis of existing forest policy and institution models and main trends);

b. Contributing to the forest policy part of the FAO country profiles for the ECE region;

2. Support to the organization of regional policy dialogues (themes, speakers…) and provide recommendations on further development of the national forest policy dialogues (contents, methods…);

3. Support to the drafting and review of the policy outputs in the ECE/FAO Integrated Programme of Work in order to tailor their messages to country needs and/or target groups;

4. Dissemination of policy related work of the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section at national and sub-national levels;

5. Provision of national experts and case studies, trainers and content for capacity building activities;

6. Policy brief on the interface and possible synergies between forest and wildlife management.

D. Background

Established/Approved by:	The ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry, and the FAO European Forestry Commission, Rovaniemi, Finland, December 2013
Duration:	From January 2014 to December 2015. Renewable.
Methods of work:	Annual meeting. Other methods to be determined by the Team.
Reporting:	Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.
Team leader:	To be elected at first Team meeting.

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Fires

Reference to Integrated Work Programme:
Work Area 2, "Policy dialogue and advice"

A. Objectives

1. To promote a continuous exchange of (new) knowledge on and practices in fire management through the organization of meetings on Fire Management issues in the ECE region;

2. To provide guidance to ECE member States on forest fire management and forest fire policies, including on bilateral / international cooperation, in close cooperation and coordination with the Wildland Fire Advisory Group of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) / Global Wildland Fire Network, FAO, Council of Europe and other partners;

3. To organize regional seminars and training workshops in fire management;

Note: In the context of this mandate the Team will continue to address all vegetation fires ("wildland fires"), including fires in the agricultural sector and in peatland / wetland biomes.

B. Activities

1. Development of policy recommendations for fire management in the UNECE region to be summarized in a "White Paper on the State of Wildfires and Fire Management in Forests and other Vegetation Resources in the UNECE Region".

C. Expected major outputs

1. A Regional Forum on Cross-boundary Fire.

2. A Resolution of the Forum on a proposal for a voluntary or legal protocol on cross-boundary cooperation in fire management.

3. White Paper on the State of Wildfires and Fire Management in Forests and other Vegetation Resources in the UNECE Region.

D. Background

Established/Approved by:	Joint session of the ECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission, Rome, 23-24 October 2008
Duration:	January 2014 – July 2014.
Methods of work:	To be determined by the Team.
Reporting:	Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.
Team leader:	**Leader:** Johann G. Goldammer (Germany) **Deputy Leaders:** Andrey Eritsov (Russian Federation) Professor Nikola Nikolov (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Communication (Forest Communicators' Network)

Reference to Integrated Work Programme:
Work Area 3, "Communication and outreach"

A. Objectives

To improve the ability of the forest sector to communicate effectively within and outside the sector, by:

1. Providing a forum for international interaction and cooperation in forest related communications;

2. Strengthening the ability of the Committee, the Commission and the Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management to reach out to relevant constituencies, within and outside the forest sector, including through cooperation with other Teams of Specialists;

3. Developing the professionalism of forest communicators by introducing and encouraging state of the art and innovative communication approaches, strengthening networking and supporting capacities in the region.

B. Activities

The ToS provides advice in the communication field to benefit of the forest community by:

1. Supporting COFFI and EFC in reaching out to relevant constituencies, within and outside the forest sector;

2. Developing a revised version of the Strategic Framework for Forest Communication in Europe that addresses current trends and the latest developments in the forest scene;

3. Developing a fact sheet or leaflet on the role of forests and forests products in contributing to a green economy. These materials could be used to support future forest-related awareness campaigns (i.e. International Day of Forests, European Forest Week, and other related events);

4. Advising FAO on the establishment of forest communicators networks in other world regions as well as sharing information and experience with such networks;

5. Developing a set of recommendations for promoting the educational tool on the state of forests in Europe and relevant publications or material on forest pedagogics. Involving the Forest Pedagogics Group in disseminating the tool and identifying relevant stakeholders to further develop the tool and/or translate it into other languages;

6. Cooperating with the Forest Europe Liaison Unit and other relevant institutions, organisations, processes and initiatives, on matters relevant to forest communication;

7. Identifying other communication work of relevance to forests as well as information-sharing platforms developed by civil society;

8. Developing a concept and seeking funding for a possible second (follow-up) survey on the public perception of forests and the forest sector in Europe;

9. Contributing to capacity-building activities for forest communication.

C. Expected major outputs

1. Revised version of the Strategic Framework for Forest Communication in Europe by the end of 2015;

2. Fact sheet or leaflet with key messages on the role of forests, forest products and their role in a green economy by the end of 2014;

3. Information note on the development of other regional forest communicators networks – to be included in the annual team activities' annual report;

4. Draft set of recommendations for the promotion of forest education and pedagogics by the end of 2014.

D. Background

Established/Approved by:	The ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission, Rovaniemi, Finland, 2013
Duration:	From January 2014 to December 2015. Renewable.
Methods of work:	Networking, meetings, workshops, advice on forest communication related issues, including for awareness campaigns.
Reporting:	Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.
Team leader:	To be elected at first Team meeting.

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector (ILO/ECE/FAO Joint Expert Network)

Reference to Integrated Work Programme:
Work Area 4, "Capacity-building"

A. Objectives

1. Advise and support the secretariat on the implementation of the ECE/FAO Integrated Programme on employment-related issues such as: jobs, needed competencies, education and training for the forest sector in the context of a green economy.

B. Activities

1. Contribute to, and support the secretariat in, the implementation of activities in the Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy under Pillar C (decent green jobs) by:

   a. Contributing to improving the monitoring and analysis of the forest sector workforce (including occupational health and safety);

   b. Reviewing forest sector workforce issues at all levels (policy, management, operations etc.) and discussing the main threats to the sustainability of the workforce;

   c. Providing recommendations for the consideration of parent bodies to develop preventive and remedial actions, including ways to attract young people to work in the forest sector.

2. Assess and disseminate existing tools and, when appropriate, contribute to developing new tools to train the existing and future forest workforce and certify competencies in the forest sector;

3. Advise and support the secretariat on the organization of meetings related to forest competencies and training;

4. In collaboration with International Union of Forest Research Organisations (IUFRO) and International Forestry Students Association (IFSA), map and describe forestry education curricula and identify present and future skill requirements for forestry professionals in the region;

5. Contribute to the capacity building activities (work area 4) that are related to forest competences and training;

6. Disseminate information on the network's activities and results.

C. Expected major outputs

1. Recommendations, developed in close cooperation with the Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management, on ways and means to improve data collection and analysis on jobs, health and safety in the forest sector in order to support better policy making (including for indicators 6.5 and 6.6 of the Pan-European Criteria and Indicators);

2. Assessment of the relevance of a recommendation on a framework for national action plans for decent green jobs in the forest sector (e.g. development and enforcement of occupational safety and health regulations, communication campaigns targeting potential candidates, training) with examples and case studies and, if appropriate, the development of this recommendation;

3. One meeting to review and formulate recommendations to address main forest sector workforce issues, including training, education and gender issues;

4. Assessment and dissemination of information on existing competency certification schemes such as ConCert (Certification of Competency for forestry entrepreneurs), ECC (European Chainsaw users' Certification), WETNet (Wood Energy Training Network) and other tools that could be developed by EFESC (European Forestry and Environmental Skills Council), while extending the competency approach to the whole ECE region.

D. Background

Established/Approved by:	The ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry, and the FAO European Forestry Commission, Rovaniemi, Finland, December 2013
Duration:	From January 2014 to December 2015. Renewable.
Methods of work:	Annual meeting. Other methods to be determined by the Team.
Reporting:	Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.
Team leader:	To be elected at first Team meeting.

Annex III

Programme of work of the Forestry and timber subprogramme for 2014-2015

Introduction

1. The present document sets out the programme of work of the Forestry and timber subprogramme ("the subprogramme") for 2014–2015 as part of the Integrated Programme of Work 2014-2017 of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) European Forestry Commission (EFC). The Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry ("the Committee") is invited to consider the programme and subsequently adopt it at its 71st session. It will then be submitted to the ECE Executive Committee for formal approval. The Committee will have the opportunity to adjust its programme of work during the course of the biennium and such adjustments will be reflected in a separate document.

2. The programme of work applies a results-based approach. It comprises, for each cluster of activities an expected accomplishment and a list of outputs/activities proposed to be carried out in 2014–2015. The delivery of these outputs/activities is expected to contribute to achieving the expected results.

3. The grouping of activities into clusters is exactly the same as used by the Committee for the biennial evaluation of its subprogramme performance.

4. Furthermore, the outputs/activities listed in this document correspond with the ECE proposed programme budget for 2014–2015 and are complemented by additional items to reflect the more recent developments and needs of ECE member States. For easy reference, such new outputs/activities have been clearly indicated as "additional".

5. The outputs/activities have been listed under the cluster of activities to which they belong according to the following main categories: (a) meetings and related parliamentary documentation; (b) publications and other information material; and (c) technical cooperation, including, seminars, workshops, training sessions, advisory services.

6. The relevant indicators of achievement, together with baseline and target data, against which performance will be measured, are presented in a separate document ECE/TIM/2013/9–FO:EFC/2013/9 in order to facilitate the task of the Committee to assess whether all outputs which are necessary to achieve the expected result have been included in the plan.

7. Finally, the appendix lists the ECE overall legislative mandates and those specific for the subprogramme.

I. Objective and strategy

8. The objective of the subprogramme is to strengthen the forest sector and its contribution to sustainable development throughout the ECE region.

9. The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Economic Cooperation, Trade, and Land Management Division. The subprogramme will aim to: develop and apply analytical and monitoring tools for use both on policy issues and on developments on the ground; collect, validate and disseminate information and analysis; and stimulate the

exchange of experience, best practices and joint efforts to measure progress. In addition, the subprogramme will provide a platform for topical discussions, taking into account the changing policy environment, notably as regards climate change and bioenergy. It will promote the role of forests in mitigating and adapting to climate change.

10. The subprogramme will promote the sustainable management of forests and the sound and legal use of forest products, for raw material and energy as well as forest services, based on appropriate policies and institutions. Priorities for 2014-2015 will be guided by: (a) the outcomes of work of ECE Committee on Forests and Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission; (b) relevant outcomes of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe, which took place in June 2011; (c) continued efforts to address climate change and the transition to a green economy; and (d) the results of the strategic review conducted in 2012-2013.

11. While all ECE countries benefit from international cooperation through the subprogramme, special attention will be paid to the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and the Mediterranean region to implement sustainable forest management through capacity-building activities, and by promoting their involvement in international activities in the region.

12. As part of the strategy to implement the subprogramme, ECE will carry out its work in cooperation with FAO and the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (Forest Europe), and provide regional input to the United Nations Forum on Forests and, through it support to the EFC, to the FAO Committee on Forestry.

13. To support forest management, including the use of wood and forest products that is ecologically, economically and socially sustainable, it is necessary: (a) to maintain a good balance among these factors, based on a strong consensus among all stakeholders about goals and methods; and (b) to ensure that the strategy is well integrated into the policy framework of other sectors through a cross-sectoral approach. Achieving sustainable forest management is primarily a sovereign national responsibility. However, regional international cooperation and interregional cooperation, through the forestry and timber subprogramme and its partners, will contribute by developing and disseminating concepts and information, through the communication, sharing of experiences and definition of standard measurement tools (criteria and indicators) for sustainable forest management. At the same time, the changing needs of society and the impact of global developments will be guiding factors at the regional level.

II. Outputs/activities to be delivered in the 2014–2015 biennium

Cluster 1
Data, monitoring and assessment

Description of cluster (optional)	*Expected accomplishments from this cluster*
	Increased ability of ECE member States to measure and report on forest resources as the underlying basis for sustainable forest management.

Outputs/activities

(a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation

1.1 Annual sessions of the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management[6] (10 half-days)

1.2 Reports of the annual sessions of the Joint Working Party (2)

(b) Publications and other information material

1.3 Forest Products Annual Market Review (2)

1.4 Outlook for forest products markets by the Timber Committee (2)

1.5 Maintenance of database on forest resources (2)

1.6 Maintenance of database on forest products production, consumption and trade, including prices (2)

1.7 Maintenance of database on wood energy (2)

1.8 Substantive reports for the Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management, including on forest resource information, markets/statistics, and on sector outlook studies (6)

1.9 Geneva Timber and Forest Study Papers on topics to be identified (1)

1.10 Geneva Timber and Forest Discussion Papers on topics to be identified (2)

1.11 Seminars/workshops on sector issues to be determined by the Committee on Forests and Forest Industry (1)

1.12 Workshops/seminars organised jointly with FAO and the Ministerial Conference for the Protection of Forests in Europe (3)

[6] Former name: Joint FAO/UNECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics.

Cluster 2
Policy dialogue and advice

Description of cluster (optional)	*Expected accomplishments from this cluster*
	Increased ability of ECE member States to monitor forest policies and institutions, in view of strengthening the institutional and legal framework.

Outputs/activities

(a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation

2.1 Annual sessions of the Committee on Forests and Forest Industry (14 half-days)

2.2 FAO European Forestry Commission (10 half-days)

2.3 Joint Meetings of the Bureaux of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the European Forestry Commission (12 half-days)

2.4 Reports of the annual sessions of the Committee (2)

2.5 Documents for the annual sessions of the Committee, including reports on market conditions for forest products and on support for the international forest dialogue (10)

2.6 Contribution to substantive reports for the FAO European Forestry Commission (4)

(b) Publications and other information material

2.7 Maintenance of database on forest polices and institutions (2)

2.8 Geneva Timber and Forest Study Papers on topics to be identified (1)

2.9 Geneva Timber and Forest Discussion Papers on topics to be identified (4)

2.10 Seminars/workshops on sector issues to be determined by the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (1)

2.11 Workshops/seminars organised jointly with FAO and the Ministerial Conference for the Protection of Forests in Europe (1)

Cluster 3
Communication and outreach

Description of cluster (optional)	*Expected accomplishments from this cluster*
	Increased visibility of the forest sector within ECE member States leading to sound use of wood, policies to promote it and increased ability to monitor it.

Outputs/activities

(a) Publications and other information material

3.1 Information brochure on forestry and timber (1)

3.2 Maintenance of a website providing meeting documents, excerpts of publications and information on activities related to the subprogramme (2)

3.3 Annual sets of press releases to be issued on the occasion of meetings, forums and the issuance of publications (2)

Cluster 4
Capacity-building

Description of cluster (optional)	*Expected accomplishments from this cluster*
	Increased capacity of countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-East Europe to achieve sustainable forest management at the national level.

Outputs/activities

(a) Publications and other information material

4.1 Geneva Timber and Forest Study Papers on topics to be identified (1)

(b) Technical cooperation

4.2 Workshops on sector issues, including capacity building, marketing, resources, policies and institutions, with emphasis on transition issues (4)

Appendix

Legislative mandates

A. Overall ECE legislative mandates

1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

Res No.	*Title*
55/2	United Nations Millennium Declaration
57/144	Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit
57/253	World Summit on Sustainable Development
60/1	2005 World Summit Outcome
61/16	Strengthening of the Economic and Social Council
62/98	Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests
64/210	Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence
64/236	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council

Res No.	*Title*
2006/38	Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference for the Commission
2009/28	The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration on the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development
2009/29	Role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of relevant general Assembly resolution including resolution 61/16

3. Other

Res No.	*Title*
E/ECE/1468	Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of ECE
A(65)	The Work of the Economic Commission for Europe

B. Legislative mandates specific to the subprogramme

1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

Res No.	*Title*
54/218	Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly
61/193	International Year of Forests, 2011
62/98	Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests
66/288	The Future We Want
67/200	International Day of Forests

2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council

Res No.	*Title*
2006/49	Outcome of the sixth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests
2007/40	Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests